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COURT DIRECTORY.

Circuit Court.—First Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September.
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Probate Court.—Second Monday in January, April, July and October.

J. O. O. F.

Troy Lodge No. 681. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at their hall in the Withrow block.
T. W. WITHROW, N. G.
J. M. McLELLAN, Sec'y.

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Troy Lodge No. 84. A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before each full moon.
WILL H. YOUNG, W. M.
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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mr. W. H. Block and lady of St. Louis, are visiting their daughter and other relatives at this place.

Our good patron and jovial fellow-citizen, Mr. Jonathan Tipton, of Monroe township, called and paid his subscription last Monday.

Rev. Dr. Jennings will hold religious services at the Methodist church next Tuesday evening, and Wednesday morning at half past ten o'clock.

The corn that is now being gathered turns out less in quantity and poorer in quality than was anticipated. It is generally soft and chaffy.

James C. Porter, of Nineveh township, has sent us a beet that weighs eight and a half pounds, and measures sixteen inches in length and nineteen in circumference.

The Ladies Library Club will meet at Col. Parker's next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Business of importance on hand, and every member is requested to attend.

We notice a great many fine hogs going to market during the last week or so. The market just now is rather dull, but then our farmers are almost compelled to sell, as they are running short of corn to feed upon.

Our readers who have not yet paid their taxes will doubtless be interested in a notice from Collector Shaw, which appears elsewhere in this issue. The law is very stringent and gives the collector no option in the matter. By reading this notice, it will be seen that it will be cheaper to borrow the money if necessary, than to stand all the costs and penalties.

Circuit Court.—An extra session of the circuit court will be held on the 20th inst., for the purpose of trying Charles Miller now confined on the charge of stealing a watch from J. L. Van Wert. The grand jury that has been summoned consists of J. P. Lynott, James K. Cannon, Joel Blanks, John R. Martin, J. Frank Brown, C. C. Ransdell, T. W. Withrow, W. W. Birkhead, T. G. Hutt, H. W. Perkins, Levi Garrett, Wm. M. Shelton, W. T. Powell, J. S. Null and James D. Brown.

Good tea is scarce; and those who delight to sip this luxurious beverage are often heard to bewail the scarcity of a good article. If they will listen to us we'll whisper them where they can obtain this coveted prize. We have tried it, and know whereof we speak. Wm. Foote & Co., of St. Louis, whose card will be found in this paper, a short time since sent us four or five pounds, and the better halves of the respective editors of the *Herald*, whose aesthetic tastes cannot be disputed, are loud in their praises thereof. It certainly is delightful, and we would like to see our merchants send to Foote & Co. for their supplies, remembering that the best is the cheapest.

CONFIDENTIAL TALK.

These are tough times financially, and we suppose the most of our readers, like ourselves, feel the effects of the crisis. For this reason, as well as the fact that we dislike to dun our patrons, we feel a hesitancy in asking for what it is almost sure will be denied us—not because of an unwillingness to pay, but because the money is not in the country, and it pushes our friends to raise money enough to meet the tax gatherer; but despite these discouragements we are forced to ask from those of our subscribers who are in arrears what is due us—provided they can make the raise, and we feel sure that the most of them can. The amount due from each is small, but when this and that are put together, a handsome little sum would be realized to us. Our paper and material is a perpetual drain upon the resources of the office, for no matter how much is due us, how much work we have to do, and how much that work may aggregate in accounts, little satisfaction is realized; for these accounts won't pay our paper bills, our hands and the thousand other cash expenses attending the publication of a journal, unless we can get the money on them. We have to pay cash for all those, and sometimes we find it very hard, especially in these close times, to raise the money to do it. It will be a great relief to us if those who can will forward the small amounts due from each. A business like ours requires money to keep it going, and a long credit system finally saps its life. We hope our friends will heed this call. We are not given to harrassing our friends through the *Herald* for their subscription, and nothing but necessity prompts us to it at this time. Besides quite a list of unpaid subscriptions, we have a large number of other accounts that were long since due, such as orders of publication, administrator's notices, final settlements, sale notices and the like, lying in our pigeon-holes unpaid, while we are in great need of the money. Who will be the first to respond to this dun? We don't wish to push any one; for if that system were inaugurated by creditors at such a time as this, a ruin would be the result that we have no desire to see. Forbearance will be our motto; but then we must have money if we have to—borrow it.

With this issue of the *Herald* we abandon the use of the co-operative plan of printing. Under this system we have been enabled to give a much larger amount of reading matter at a less expense to ourselves. But our increasing advertising patronage encroached so much upon our space that was left us, that our arrangement was seriously impaired and the room was not left for the amount of local matter indispensable to a live newspaper. While the printing of our whole edition at home will be much more expensive, we feel that the increased outlay is a wise one and due to the interests of our patrons, and that they will appreciate our efforts. We have endeavored to make a paper worthy of Lincoln county, and shall, in the future, devote our best energies and all the ability we possess to keep it as good as it has been and better if possible. It would ill become us to boast of the excellence of our paper, but we may be pardoned for expressing the opinion that it is not inferior to the average of country newspapers. It will not be out of place, either, in this connection, to remind those of our readers who understand the advantage of having a reliable and enterprising public journal in our county, actively devoted to its interests, that very often a newspaper is what its patrons make it. It is almost impossible for a paper that is grudgingly and poorly supported to be a good one. The perplexities and struggles for existence would engross nearly the whole time of its managers, leaving but little for its legitimate work. Judging from the past, we confidently ask the continued support and encouragement of our patrons.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE.

A few days since, in a not very remote locality of this county, at midnight's holy hour, sooner or later, a bewitching young maiden, bribed with love and undying affection for one of her father's farm hands, concluded to give the old man the drop. So, in imitation of the host of former lovers who have laughed at locksmiths, blacksmiths, gunsmiths, stonemasons, and the thousand other ills that afflict the devotees of Cupid, the forsaken young man and the bewitching maiden, cautiously, silently stole away from the scenes of her childhood, the home of her youth, and ere the moon had paled in the heavens, trod with light feet and hopeful (if not light) hearts, the tranquil shores of Illinois, where by due process of law the loving twain were made one. O, happy consummation! O, realization of enchanting love dreams! The one ecstatic bliss of life, that serves as a central point from which to date all after life! They had nothing to fear but the frowns of an angry father, who did not, like Lord Ullin, stand on the stormy banks of the Mississippi, and cry:

"Come back! come back!" in words of grief,
"Across this stormy water,
And I'll forgive your highland chief!
My daughter, oh, my daughter!"

But in the practical manner of this progressive and enlightened age, he just rowed across that little stream, succeeded in finding the truant lovers, and taking his daughter gently by the arm, conducted her home again. He didn't invite the young man to go with them, but he followed nevertheless—at a safe distance from the old gentleman's walking stick; and all the while the dear wife of his bosom was domiciled at her old home, he brooded melancholy in a little town on the banks of the Father of Waters, and thought of the peace, the wonderful unknown peace, that lay beneath its tranquil bosom. But he had too much grit to resort to any such insane dodge as that; he would see the thing through. It was there on that peaceful shore, with his thoughts far away with the loved one, and his heart bowed down with grief, that friends gathered round him, and wished him much joy, and that he with a spirit of resignation that would have well become a Spartan, exclaimed: "I hadn't had any yet!" It's a long lane that has no turn. The father in the meantime had secured the services of an attorney to inquire into the matter of license, ceremony, and a few other *ceteras*, which proving all right, the newly-made wife was permitted to return to her liege lord, and console his aching void. O, the sweetness of that meeting! the tears surcharged with joy! It was too sacred to be emblazoned on these pages, so let a veil be forever drawn over that scene. We wish them a happy honeymoon, and may his tranquil soul sing in a softly sweet and harmonious cadence:

"If cares arise—and cares will come—
Thy bosom is my softest home;
I'll hush them there to rest;
And if there's aught disturbs my fair,
I'll bid her sigh out every care,
And lose it in my breast."

A short time since two ladies went into a dry-goods store in this place, behind the counter of which stood a young clerk, who, though a great ladies' man, is rather bashful. One of them inquired if he had any bustles. "Yes, we have the best ever brought to Troy." "How should you know, Mr. —, whether they are the best or not?" This question, with the mischievous, hearty laughter of the ladies, completely upset the handsome clerk. At last a bright idea came to his relief. "Well, Mr. —, bought them, and he never buys anything but the best." But he has never since bragged about the quality of the store's selection of the most essential article of the feminine make-up.

Mr. James Douglas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, one of the directors of our railroad, and Mr. Barrett, the engineer-in-chief, were in town yesterday attending to railroad business.

OUR PUBLIC ROADS.

The public roads that we have passed over lately, being those under the supervision of overseers James D. Shelton, James Murphy, Joseph W. Rush and William Achor, are in a better condition than they have been for years. The work that has been done is generally substantial and of a character that will materially improve the road-bed. Such is also the case, we learn, with most of the roads in the county. From having the most miserable dirt roads that were to be found anywhere, we are beginning to have the best. The sentiment of that class most in need of good roads, the farming community, is being strongly directed against the system of botching the roads by careless and incompetent overseers, which has almost universally prevailed heretofore. From the record the county court has made for itself in this matter, we are inclined to think that those overseers who have failed to perform their duty will receive but little forbearance. This is gratifying, and we hope the court will resolutely stick to the policy they have inaugurated, and unceremoniously turn out every incompetent. It is a most important point that every road overseer be qualified to fulfil the duties of his position, and that he have the honesty to do it. The law relating to the improving of public roads has been very defective; and although bettered very much by the last legislature, is still far from meeting the wants of the system. But with the facilities that it affords, a great advance can be made over what has yet been accomplished. As a general thing, with the proper management, each road district can secure about half the work necessary to place the roads in excellent condition. If this work be expended in grading and ditching, so that the road-bed will be properly drained, and protected from the washing rains, what is done will be permanent and not require repetition the next season. This system of work kept up a few years would ensure good roads. But with many overseers old-fashioned notions obtain and it is almost impossible to eradicate them. They can never be made to realize the fact that rain will fall upon a road-bed as well as elsewhere, or if it does, that it will not run up hill to get off as well as down hill; so that if we see any provision at all for the draining of water, we are just as apt as not to see the ditch leading up an incline. This is all wrong, but it has been the theory under which many of our roads have been worked. The tax, as rated by the court, is put at the lowest limit allowed by the law—one mill on the dollar. This is quite enough at present, especially as part of it is worse than thrown away by mismanagement. When it will be certain that the money will be properly expended the court should raise the amount to two or three mills, for we are certain that our people would submit more cheerfully to no tax than that for the improvement of the roads they have to travel.

A PIECE OF RASCALITY.—Jerry J. Bertrand, who has been clerking for M. T. Britton of this place, in the latter's absence last week contrived to cheat him out of a consignment of goods. This consignment Mrs. Britton intended to send to Wright City by some of the wagons that make regular trips to that point, but Bertrand persuaded her to hire a team from Hartman's stable and let him take them down. She charged him particularly to bring back the freight receipt. This he didn't do, saying that the agent would not give any. This was looked upon as suspicious, but his real design was not suspected until the second day after—last Friday—when Bertrand left in the stage. As he did not return in the evening according to promise, Mrs. Britton went to Wright City, only to find that Bertrand had expressed the goods in his own name. Mrs. Britton telegraphed to St. Louis to have him arrested if found, but nothing has been heard of him. Mr. Britton is absent in Illinois.

LYNX OR WILDCAT.

One evening last week, while Nixon Birkhead and Booker Wilkinson, two lads about sixteen years of age, were out coon hunting, their dogs treed a savage-looking animal. They succeeded in dislodging him several times from trees in which the dogs held him at bay, and once was knocked out of a tree by young Birkhead with a stone. The dogs were afraid to attack him when down, so young Birkhead went to the house and got his gun, and returning shot his game. The next day they brought him to town, and some pronounced it a wildcat and others said it was a young lynx. It measured two feet from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail, was 18 inches in height, weighed over 25 pounds, had a short stumpy tail, was of a greyish yellow color, and had a head like that of a cat. Its fangs were small, showing that it was a young animal, and its ears were tipped with black fur similar to that marking the lynx. The boys, quite naturally, felt very proud over their game.

NAMED.

ACHOR—RECTOR.—Thursday, October 30, 1873, at the residence of the officiating magistrate, by J. W. Jamison, J. P., James T. Achor and Miss Mollie Rector, all of this county.

DECEASED.

MARTIN.—October 31, 1873, at the residence of her son, R. S. Martin, near Troy, Mrs. Rosannah Martin, aged 83 years, 3 months and 18 days. She was born in York county, South Carolina.

MOSLEY.—October 16, 1873, at the residence of her son, James Lafferty, four miles from Troy, Mrs. Sarah Mosley, aged 66 years. She was a resident of this county since 1857.

Dr. J. C. GOODRICH,
DENTIST.
WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI.
Will be in Troy from time to time, due notice of which visits will be given in *The Troy Herald*.
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Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,
DENTIST,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will always be found in his office, next door to T. W. Withrow's, up stairs, where he attends to dental and surgical diseases of the mouth. He keeps an assistant always in the office to aid in filling teeth.
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Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
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TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and pay special attention to collecting. Office over Bank building.
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Agents State and Phoenix Insurance Companies, and Real Estate Agents. J. B. Allen, Notary Public.
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Collectors and Real Estate Agents. Particular attention given to conveying, abstracting and examination of land titles, and controversies affecting real estate. We make a specialty of collecting all kinds of claims, notes, bills, etc., at a reasonable commission.